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FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE FROM ASD ELLSWORTH

1. RECOGNIZE YOUR JUSTIFIABLE CONCERN. HOWEVER, WE HAD
HOPED THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH THIS GROUP OF
CONGRESSMEN EASTER MONDAY AFTERNOON FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS.
WE HAD SEEN THIS AS A FIRST OVERVIEW OF THE EUROPEAN
SECURITY SITUATION FROM THE US POINT OF VIEW, FOLLOWING
WHAT SHOULD BE AN IMPRESSIVE VISIT TO WEST AND EAST BERLIN
AND THE REALITIES OF THE IRON CURTAIN.

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2. WE FEEL THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU, WITH THE HELP OF

AMBASSADOR FIRESTONE AND YOUR SENIOR US MILITARY COLLEAGUES
IN THE AREA, COULD GET THE VISITS TO CAPITALS OFF TO A
GOOD START.

3. WE SEE THIS AS A VERY INFORMAL DISCUSSION WHICH NEED
NOT NECESSARILY BE AT NATO HEADQUARTERS. UNDER PRESENT
THINKING, GROUP WOULD ARRIVE BRUSSELS ABOUT 1430 BRUSSELS
TIME. IF LADIES COULD HAVE A RELATIVELY BRIEF TOUR OF

BRUSSELS AFTER ARRIVAL AT HOTEL, OFFICIAL GROUP COULD
BE BROUGHT TO A DESTINATION OF YOUR CHOOSING FOR
DISCUSSIONS. OFFICIAL PARTY TO BE PRESENT FOR DISCUS-
SIONS COULD BE ABOUT FIFTEEN, INCLUDING ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS) JACK MAURY
AND HIS TWO DEPUTIES.

4. HOPE YOU CAN MAKE THE BEST OF A DIFFICULT SITUATION.

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